

MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER

Program Evaluation Survey

This survey will become part of your county's MIO contract with the Board of Corrections. For purposes of this survey:

- “Program” refers to a defined set of interventions that will be given to a specified research sample in order to evaluate well-stated hypotheses. If you have more than one Program, please fill out a separate survey for each Program.
- “Research Design” refers to the procedures you will use to test the stated hypotheses for your Program. In some instances you will have more than one Research Design for a Program, in which case a separate survey must be completed for each Research Design.
- “Project” refers to all the work that you propose to do with the MIO Grant. For example, if you have two Programs and two Research Designs for each Program, the entire effort would constitute your Project (and you would complete four surveys).

To simplify the task of completing this survey, we refer you to two sources: 1) the initial Research Design Summary Form, and 2) your Program’s responses to the technical compliance issues identified during the grant review. If no additional information was requested of a particular item on the Research Design Summary Form, you can enter the original text into the appropriate space below. If more information was requested, provide a more complete response.

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2. **Program Name:** Current Board of Corrections grant participants have found it useful to pick a name that helps them to create a Program identity (two examples are the “IDEA” Program and the “Home Run” Program). Indicate the title you will be using to refer to your Program.

Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT)

3. **Treatment Interventions:** Describe the components of the Program that you will be evaluating. Another way of saying this is, “Describe how the ‘treatment’ offenders (those in the Program) will be treated differently than the comparison offenders (e.g., services while incarcerated, more intensive supervision, more thorough assessment, a wider range of services, more aggressive case management, better aftercare).”

We are applying a pre/post within-subjects assessment design with repeated post-assessments. We will have 3 to 5 years of historical data from which we will identify a pre-intervention pattern of offending and of mental health system activity. We hypothesize that the individuals’ patterns will be significantly and positively impacted by participation in the FACT Program.

The FACT Program will comprise the following:

- Twenty-four hour/seven days a week coverage via a team of mental health professionals with responsibility for the client at all contact points of the justice system.
- Collaborative efforts between the local law enforcement, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Courts, and Health Services.
- Sentencing conditions requiring participation in the program.
- Expanded efforts of the Court's Mental Health Review Team to identify and refer individuals to the FACT program.
- A probation officer on the FACT team.
- Immediate identification of FACT team participants when arrested.
- Daily team contact with incarcerated or hospitalized target clients.
- Elimination of "Failure-to-Appears" for FACT team clients.
- Discharge planning from jail to provide intervention and prevent recidivism, initiated immediately upon booking.
- On-going intensive mental health services for FACT team clients.

Central to this plan is the creation of an interdisciplinary team to focus on those targeted individuals likely to re-offend and who have demonstrated the greatest cost to the criminal justice system. Led by a treatment team of mental health professionals, including a psychiatrist, registered nurse, social worker, benefits counselor, drug and alcohol specialist, the FACT program will provide a continuum of services to assist the clients' community integration, and stabilize their lives enabling them to avoid criminal justice involvement.

This multi-agency, multi-disciplinary team will draw upon the skills, knowledge and experience of probation officers, public defenders, Superior Court Judges, and district attorney staff to augment the efforts of health care specialists. Clients will be chosen for participation based on their criminal justice history, seriousness of mental illness and mental health system activity. Services will include, but are not limited to:

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| ✓ Mental Health Services | ✓ Medication Stabilization | ✓ Drug & Alcohol Treatment |
| ✓ Life Skills Coaching | ✓ Access to Medical Care | ✓ Transportation |
| ✓ Housing Assistance | ✓ Financial Counseling | ✓ Job Preparation |
| ✓ Mentoring | ✓ Family Involvement/Education | ✓ Social/Recreational Activities |

4. **Research Design:** Describe the Research Design that you will be using. Issues to be addressed here include the name of the design (e.g., true experimental design), the use of random assignment, and any special features that you will include in the design (e.g., the type of comparison group you will use for quasi-experimental designs).

A quasi-experimental within-subjects design will be applied with pre-post assessments and annually repeated posts-intake assessments for criminal justice and mental health system activity. Additionally, Whenever possible pre-treatment data will be gathered for the five years preceding FACT intake to strengthen baseline comparison data.

Quality of Life and Clinical Status indicators will be measured with the CA-QOL and BASIS-32 performance outcome instruments respectively. These performance outcome surveys will be administered to each FACT participant at intake, annually and at the end of the research project (unless these instruments were administered less than six months prior to the end of the research project).

Participants will be selected based upon the following criteria:

- Seriously mentally ill offenders who have been diagnosed by the Mental Health Division as meeting Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5600.3, (1)(b) and (c), and;
- Are recidivists who have had multi-bookings and mental health system contacts (i.e., inpatient admissions and/or open cases with adult services) over the last three years, with the highest priority going to those who have been incarcerated within the past 12 months.
- The vast majority of FACT clients will participate in the program as a condition of probation, **others will enter the program voluntarily upon completion of their current jail sentence.**

Participant Selection: One hundred clients will be placed in the FACT Program as rapidly as possible during the first six months of the start-up period. The inmates/clients will be placed into the FACT Program by a priority system as outlined below.

Each priority category listed below assumes the client meets the target population definition of mental illness.

First Priority: Individuals in custody with history of at least two bookings and two mental health system contacts, defined as inpatient admissions and/or open cases in adult mental health services, over the last 3 years. *This group will represent a minimum of 70% of FACT participants.*

Second Priority: Individuals in custody with a history of at least two or more bookings and one psychiatric hospital admission or has been (or is currently) an open case in adult services over the previous three years.

Third Priority: First time booking, in-custody individuals, who fit target the population profile and are considered psychiatrically unstable with a high potential for recidivism.

While many clients will receive an intensive level of treatment for long periods of their lives, others will become sufficiently stable to be treated with less intensive FACT mental health services, allowing for additional clients to be added to the program. Clients will be treated with less intensive services when they achieve one year without criminal justice involvement and are considered “functionally stable” by the Team. Generally this will mean the client is functioning reasonably well in the community, taking prescribed medication, serious symptoms are in check, living situation is stable, and has had no psychiatric hospitalizations within the previous year. Intensive services can be reinstituted at any time as indicated by the needs of FACT clients.

- 4a. Check (✓) the statement below that best describes your Research Design. If you find that you need to check more than one statement (e.g., True experimental and Quasi-experimental), you are using more than one Research Design and will need to complete a separate copy of the survey for the other design. Also, check the statements that describe the comparisons you will be making as part of your Research Design.

Research Design (Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	True experimental with random assignment to treatment and comparison groups
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quasi-experimental with matched contemporaneous groups (treatment and comparison)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quasi-experimental with matched historical group
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) Quasi-Experimental, Within-Subject, Pre-Post Research Design with Repeated Measures
Comparisons (Check all that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post-Program, Single Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Post-Program, Repeated Assessments (e.g., 6 and 12 months after program separation)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-Post Assessment with Single Post-Program Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-Post Assessment with Repeated Post-Program Assessments (e.g., 6 and 12 months after program separation)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) Pre-Post Assessment with Repeated Post-program admission assessments

- 4b. If you are using a historical comparison group, describe how you will control for period and cohort effects.
N/A

5. **Cost/Benefit Analysis:** Indicate by checking “yes” or “no” whether you will be conducting a Program cost/benefit analysis that includes at least: a) the cost per participant of providing the interventions to the treatment and comparison groups; b) the cost savings to your county represented by the effectiveness of the treatment interventions; and, c) your assessment of the program’s future (e.g., it will continue as is, be changed significantly, be dropped) given the results of the cost/benefit analysis.

Cost/Benefit Analysis

✓ Yes	No
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5a. If you will perform a cost/benefit analysis, describe how that analysis will be performed.

The Pre-Post research design will allow for a precise Cost/Benefit Analysis by calculating all historical criminal justice costs (e.g., arrests, failures-to-appear, days incarcerated, court costs, etc.) and mental health system costs (e.g., inpatient days, emergency services, case management, medication, and other direct services etc.) annually and adjusting for inflation as indicated. This historical (Pre-FACT participation) client cost information will be calculated for each FACT participant and will be compared to criminal justice and mental health costs after admission into the FACT program.

We will also conduct a qualitative and quantitative analysis regarding quality of life variables (e.g., housing, daily activities, etc.) for FACT participants as well as an analysis of the benefits to the community of Sonoma County.

6. **Target Population:** This refers to the criteria that treatment and comparison subjects must meet in order to be able to participate in the research. Target criteria might include diagnostic categories, age, gender, risk level, legal history, geographical area of residence, etc. Please provide a detailed description of the criteria you will be using and how you will measure those criteria to determine eligibility.

FACT Target Population comprises individuals suffering from serious and persistent mental disorders with multiple jail bookings and mental health system contacts (i.e., inpatient admissions and/or open cases in adult mental health services) over the past three years. "Serious and persistent mental disorder" - WIC section 5600.3, (1) (b) & (c) - refers to a mental disorder which is severe in degree and persistent in duration, which causes behavioral functioning which interferes with the primary activities of daily living, and which results in an inability to maintain stable adjustment and independent functioning without treatment, support and rehabilitation. Hence, diagnostic, historical and current functioning data will be juxtaposed to jail, criminal justice, and mental health system activity/costs to determine FACT participation criteria.

- Based upon three years of descriptive data, FACT participants are likely to be adults with schizophrenia and major affective disorders including bipolar disorders with
- Histories of multiple bookings and
- Histories of mental health system contacts (as defined above)
- Who agree to become FACT participants and will have FACT Team participation as a term of probation or will volunteer to participate upon completion of their current jail sentence.

- 6a. Describe any standardized instruments or procedures that will be used to determine eligibility for Program participation, and the eligibility criteria associated with each (e.g., "significant psychopathology" as measured by the MMPI, etc.).

We will not be using standardized instruments to determine FACT participant eligibility. Eligibility for Program participation will be determined by the following:

- ✓ Comprehensive mental health assessment for severe and persistent mental illness (defined above)
- ✓ Historical Mental Health System activity (psychiatric inpatient admissions, inpatient length of stays, case status with adult services) for the past three years.
- ✓ Criminal Justice System activity (bookings, days in jail, etc.) for the past three years.
- ✓ Degree of risk to the community assessment.

The following procedural protocol will be employed to determine eligibility for Program participation.

- Individual is arrested and booked in jail.
- Inmate is identified via jail classification and tracking system, Inmate Behavior Codes (IBC), or
- Inmate is identified as a potential FACT participant by jail mental health staff who makes the referral to FACT Team for eligibility assessment.
- Mental Health Review Team reviews case for appropriateness and makes referral to FACT Team.
- FACT Team is notified of a referral for assessment.

- **Assessment is conducted, historical data reviewed,**
- **FACT Team conducts probationary and mental health assessments to determine FACT Program eligibility.**
- **Inmate is court ordered to FACT Team.**

7. **Sample Size:** This refers to the number of subjects who will participate in the treatment and comparison samples during the entire course of the research. Of course, in any applied research program, subjects drop out for various reasons (e.g., moving out of the county, failure to complete the program). In addition, there will probably be mentally ill offenders who participate in the Program you will be researching and not be part of the research sample (e.g., they may not meet one or more of the criteria for participation in the research), or they may enter into the Program too late for you to conduct the follow-up the research you intend to do. **Using the table below,** indicate the number of participants who will complete the treatment interventions or comparison group interventions, plus the minimum six months follow-up period after Program completion. This also will be the number of subjects that you will be including in your statistical hypothesis testing to evaluate the Program outcomes. Provide a breakdown of the sample sizes for each of the four Program years, as well as the total Program. Under **Unit of Analysis**, check the box that best describes the unit of analysis you will be using in your design.

One hundred clients will be placed in the FACT program as rapidly as possible during the first six months of the start-up period. The inmates/clients will be placed into the FACT program by a priority system outlined in the answer to question four. As some clients reach stability and can be treated with less intensive FACT services, others will matriculate into the program. Clients will not be considered for less intensive services until they achieve a minimum of one year of stability in key outcome areas, as outlined in the answer to question four. Beyond the program limit of 100 clients, there will exist a waiting list of the next highest risk individuals. Those with the highest risk profile will move in as others leave (i.e., receive less intensive FACT services) creating an ongoing opportunity for those similarly profiled. We anticipate approximately 190 FACT participants to be treated in the program and 160 to provide a minimum of 1-year of outcome data after intake. The final 30 participants admitted to the FACT program will have approximately 6-months of post-FACT treatment data. All FACT participants regardless of their status with the program will be tracked for all outcome measures.

Sample Sizes (Write the expected number in each group)			
Program Year	Treatment Group		Comparison Group
First Year	100+30		N/A
Second Year	100+30		N/A
Third Year	100+30		N/A
Total	190		N/A

Unit of Analysis (Check one)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Individual Offender	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family
<input type="checkbox"/>	Institution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geographic Area (e.g., neighborhood)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

8. **Key Dates:**

- "Program Operational" is the date that the first treatment subject will start in the Program.
- "Final Treatment Completion" is the date when the last treatment subject in the research sample will finish the interventions that constitute the Program (and before the start of the follow-up period).
- "Final Follow Up Data" is the date when the last follow-up data will be gathered on a research subject (e.g., six months after the last subject completes the treatment interventions or whenever these data will become available).

Program Operational Date: **01/01/00**

Final Treatment Completion Date: **06/30/03**

Final Follow-Up Data Date: **06/30/03**

9. **Matching Criteria:** (Whether or not you are using a true experimental design), please indicate the variables that you will be tracking to assess comparability between the groups. Matching criteria might include: age, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, criminal history mental health diagnosis, etc.

The Within-Subjects, Pre-Post Assessment research design does not utilize a comparison group.

- 9a. After each characteristic listed above, describe how it will be measured.
N/A
- 9b. Which of these characteristics, if unequally distributed between the treatment and comparison groups, would complicate or confound the tests of your hypotheses? How will you manage that problem?
N/A
- 9c. If you are using an historical comparison group, describe how you will ensure comparability (in terms of target population and matching characteristics) between the groups.

N/A

10. **Comparison Group:** The intent here is to document the kind of comparison group you will using. If you are using a true experimental design, the comparison group will be randomly selected from the same subject pool as the treatment subjects (in which case you would enter "true experimental design" in the space below). However, for quasi-experimental designs, the comparison group might come from a number of different sources such as: matched institutions, matched geographical areas, other matched counties, a matched historical group, etc.

Please identify the source of your comparison group.

We will be Utilizing a Within-Subjects Pre-Post assessment research design. For 70% of FACT participants there will be a minimum of three years of comparison (Pre-FACT participation) data extracted from the criminal justice records, Inmate Behavior Codes, and the mental health system database establishing a multiple baseline for Pre-Post time-series analyses.

11. Assessment Process: The intent here is to summarize the assessment process that will determine the nature of the interventions that the mentally ill offenders in the treatment group will receive. For example, psychological testing, multi-agency and/or multi-disciplinary assessments, etc. Also, describe the qualifications of those who will be doing the assessments.

The assessment process that will determine the nature of the interventions provided mentally ill offenders in the FACT program will be ongoing as long as the individual remains a FACT participant. Initial assessments will be conducted in the jail by professional mental health staff. A licensed mental health professional (Licensed Clinical Social Worker, LCSW or Marriage & Family Therapist, MFT) will provide initial assessment and referral for FACT Team placement consideration. After admission into the FACT program, the FACT Team of mental health and forensic professionals (i.e., Psychiatrist, PO, MFT, LCSW, Psych. RN, Psych. Tech., and, Case Management Specialist) will determine treatment interventions.

- 11a. Describe any standardized assessment instruments that will be administered to all treatment group subjects for the purposes of identifying appropriate interventions.

Behavior and Symptom Identification Scale (BASIS-32) will be utilized as a standardized assessment instrument and outcome measure. Results will be scored into the following five subscales *relation to self and others, depression/anxiety, daily living skills, impulsive/addictive behavior, and psychosis and an overall average.*

California Quality of Life (CA-QOL) will be administered as a standardized instrument to evaluate quality of life measures including but not limited to the following domains *living situation, daily activities and functioning, family relations, social relations, finances, legal and safety, and health.*

11b Describe any assessment instrument designed by your county that you will use.
N/A

11c. Identify which assessment instruments, if any, will also be administered to comparison group subjects.
N/A

12. **Treatment Group Eligibility:** Indicate the process (as opposed to the criteria) by which research subjects will be selected into the pool from which treatment subjects will be chosen. This process might include referral by a judge, referral by a school official, referral by a law enforcement officer, administration of a risk assessment instrument, etc.

The following process will be employed to determine eligibility for Program participation.

- Individual is arrested and booked in jail.
- Inmate is identified via jail classification and tracking system, Inmate Behavior Codes (IBC), or
- Inmate is identified as a potential FACT participant by jail mental health staff who make the referral to FACT TEAM for eligibility assessment.
- Mental Health Review Team reviews case for appropriateness and makes referral to FACT Team
- FACT Team is notified of a referral for assessment
- Assessment is conducted, historical data reviewed,
- FACT Team conducts probationary and mental health assessments to determine FACT Program eligibility.
- Inmate has agreed to participate. **If the individual is on probation, their agreement becomes a term of probation. In some cases the individuals will not be on probation because they have agreed to be FACT Team participants, upon release, after completing their jail sentence.**

13. **Comparison Group Eligibility:** Indicate the process by which research subjects will be selected into the pool from which comparison subjects will be chosen. For true experimental designs, this process will be the same as for treatment subjects.

N/A

13a. If procedures for determining the eligibility of participants for the Comparison Group differ from those described in 12, please describe them. If different procedures are used, how will you ensure comparability of the two groups in terms of critical characteristics?

N/A

Answer questions 14 - 17 by filling in the table below as instructed.

14. **Outcome Variables:** In the table below, list some of the most important outcome variables that you are hypothesizing will be positively affected by your Program. Possibilities include improvement in personal functioning, arrest rate, successful completion of probation, alcohol and drug-related behavior, risk classification, etc.

15. **Score/Scale:** To "measure" the effects produced by your Program requires putting the variable in question on some sort of measuring scale (e.g., a test score, a count of occurrences, a rating scale, a change-score indicating progress of some sort). For each variable, for which you are making a hypothesis, indicate in the table below the measurement that you will be statistically analyzing when you test your hypothesis.

16. **Additional Information:** To explain more fully how you intend to test your hypothesis, you might find it helpful to supply additional information. For example, you might intend to partition the data by gender, or make differential hypotheses for different age ranges. Supplying "additional information" is optional; but if there is some aspect of the hypotheses testing that is important for us to know about, please supply the information in this section.

16a. For each outcome variable that will not be measured by a standardized assessment procedure, describe the measurement procedures that will be used. For instance, if your county has developed a risk-assessment tool that you will be using to measure change, please describe how it works.

17. **Significance Test:** In order for a statistical procedure to be the appropriate test of a particular hypothesis, certain assumptions must be met. It is critical at the outset of a research design to make sure that the measuring devices, measuring scales, samples, and methodology produce the kind of data that fit the requirements of the intended statistical procedure. In this section, please list your choice for the testing of your hypothesis, given the research design you have chosen, the measurement you will use, and the data you will be collecting.

Variable	Score/Scale	Additional Information	Significance Test
Arrest Rate	# of Arrests	Historical, Intake, Annually & End of Research Project	Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance
Failure to Appear	# of Failure to Appear	Historical, Intake, Annually & End of Research Project	Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance
Jail length of stay	# of Days in Jail	Historical, Intake, Annually & End of Research Project	Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance
Psychiatric Inpatient Length of stay	# of Psychiatric Inpatient Days	Historical, Intake, Annually & End of Research Project	Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance
Inpatient Psychiatric Admissions	# of Inpatient Admissions	Historical, Intake, Annually & End of Research Project	Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance
Clinical Mental Health Indicators	BASIS-32: 5 Scaled Scores +AVG Score	Intake, Annually & End of Research Project	Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance
Quality of Life Indicators	CA-QOL 9 Subjective Scales CA-QOL 7 Objective Scales	Intake, Annually & End of Research Project	Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance

The following questions are supplemental to the Research Design Summary Form and will help us understand how you intend to manage data collected for this project.

18. What additional background information (if any) will be collected for the participants (both treatment and comparison)? For instance, will you gather information about family criminal background, drug involvement, family variables, work history, educational background, etc. If so, what will be collected and how?

Each FACT participant will have an open case with the Sonoma County Mental Health Services Division. As such, each case opening will require a comprehensive assessment narrative integral to each individuals chart that includes issues of mental health import such as familial relationships (current & historical), drug involvement (current & historical), work history, medical history, educational background, etc.

19. How will the process evaluation be performed? What components will be addressed and how will they be measured (e.g., services available and frequency of use of those services by each participant)? What is the time frame for gathering process-related information? What recording mechanisms will be used? If descriptive or statistical analyses will be performed, please describe what they will be.

Mental Health System data elements will be tracked by the Insyst *Monthly Service Activity Report*. Criminal Justice process data elements will be tracked via the *Integrated Justice System (IJS)* data system and the Jail System database. All data elements will be entered monthly into an Access database for analyses. Data will be reported by percentage of change, and repeated measures analysis of variance.

20. Describe how you will document services received by the treatment and comparison group members. Examples are: how many counseling sessions did the subject attend, how intense (and by what measure) was the drug treatment, did the subject complete the interventions, etc.?

All direct services provided to FACT participants will be coded and logged daily by the staff member providing the service. Information from the logs will be entered into the Mental Health *Insyst* data system for monitoring FACT process variables.

The percentage of total hours worked that was direct client service time will be reported every four weeks.

Services provided will be logged daily and entered into the *Insyst* database. Other data, such as medication monitoring, will be recorded in the chart notes by the FACT psychiatrist.

21. What will be the criteria for completion of the program (by what criteria will you decide that the research subject has received the full measure of the treatment that is hypothesized to have a beneficial impact. For instance, will the Program run for a specified amount of time irrespective of the participants' improvement or lack thereof? If so, how long? Alternatively, will completion be determined by the participants' having achieved a particular outcome? If so, what will that outcome be and how will it be measured? An example is decreased risk as measured by a "level of functioning" instrument.

Remaining consistent with the Assertive Community Treatment model of service provision, participants receive services as needed. While many clients will receive an intensive level of treatment for the entire period of the grant, others will become sufficiently stable to be treated with less intensive mental health services. Clients will receive less intensive mental health services when they achieve one year without criminal justice involvement and are considered "functionally stable" by the Team. This will mean the client is functioning reasonably well in the community, taking prescribed medication, serious symptoms are in check, living situation is stable, and has had no psychiatric hospitalizations during the previous year. Improvement in the BASIS-32 clinical scaled and average scores and CA-QOL scores will also be utilized as indicators of increased functional stability. Intensive services will be reinstituted at any time as indicated by the needs of FACT clients.

22. If Program completion will be linked to probation terms, how will you record those terms and identify adequate completion? Examples include completion of mental health or substance abuse programs, etc.

Program completion is not linked to probationary terms.

23. On what basis will a subject be terminated from the Program and be deemed to have failed to complete the Program? Will those who leave, drop out, fail, or are terminated from the Program be tracked in terms of the research dependent variables? For how long?

FACT Team participants will only be terminated from the program when they are released from probation terms and reject services or when a client is sentenced to state prison. They will be considered for re-entry upon completion of the prison term. Those participants arrested and sentenced to county jail time will be followed by the FACT Team in jail for continuity of care and placed back in the program upon release. Participants will be terminated if they move out of the area and cannot continue in the program. If possible, these individuals will be tracked for research purposes up to the grant final follow-up date.